

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
300 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, MINNESOTA 55415

DULCE J. FOSTER
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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May 15, 2024

Claire J. Lee
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In Re: *Lee v. City of Bloomington, et al.*
Civil No. 23-cv-2652 (SRN/DJF)

Dear Ms. Lee:

Unlike criminal cases where there is a legal right to counsel, a person involved in a civil case has no legal right to have the Court appoint a lawyer. However, the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) operates a program that tries to connect unrepresented individuals who receive a Court referral to the program with volunteer lawyers who may agree to donate time to talk about their cases. The program is called the *Pro Se* Project. The Court is referring you to the *Pro Se* Project, and you may be able to talk with a lawyer at no cost to you.

Your participation in the *Pro Se* Project is voluntary. If you would like to participate, the *Pro Se* Project Coordinator, Jacqueline Bailey, will try to put you in contact with an attorney who will provide you with a legal opinion about your claims or defenses and give you advice on how to proceed. The volunteer lawyer is not expected to represent you.

Regardless of whether you participate, every case in Federal Court is governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Just as a lawyer would, you will need to follow these rules. You will find information to help unrepresented parties understand the basic procedures of the Court on the “Representing Yourself (Pro Se)” page of the Court’s website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

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If you would like to participate in the *Pro Se* Project, you must tell the *Pro Se* Coordinator, Ms. Bailey, whose contact information appears below. Ms. Bailey will inform the Court of your decision.

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Sincerely,

s/ Dulce J. Foster
DULCE J. FOSTER
United States Magistrate Judge

cc: Jacqueline Bailey, Coordinator